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SUB: GULF STATES - U.S. MILITARY RELATIONS

REF: DOHA 0863

1. WE CAN APPRECIATE EMBASSY DOHA'S POINT OF VIEW IN ADVOCATING REGIONAL COOPERATION ON MILITARY SUPPLY, TRAINING AND FACILITIES BETWEEN SMALLER GULF STATES AND IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. WE WONDER, HOWEVER, WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR USG TO TAKE LEAD ON THIS MATTER. APART FROM COMPLEX ARRANGEMENTS WE MIGHT HAVE TO DEAL WITH AS RESULT OF NEW LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING AND ARMS TRANSFERS, WE FORESEE SERIOUS PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING SUCH A CONCEPT. IRANIAN ARMED FORCES ARE ALREADY HARD PRESSED TO MEET THEIR OWN COMMITMENTS AND IT WOULD NOT BE WISE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW TO SUGGEST ADDITIONAL BURDENS. RE F-5 AIRCRAFT, IRANIANS HAVE COMPLAINED TO US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT US SUPPORT WAS INADEQUATE IN PROVISION OF SPARE PARTS. IF IRAN WERE TO TAKE ON ANY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN TRAINING OR SUPPORTING

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GULF AIRCRAFT OR OTHER EQUIPMENT, ADDITIONAL FOREIGN TECHNICIANS

IN IRAN WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE REQUIRED.

2. HAVING NOTED THESE NEGATIVE FACTORS, WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BECAUSE OF IRAN'S STRONG INTEREST IN COOPERATION WITH GULF STATES, GOI MAY WELL AGREE TO SOME OCCASIONAL TRAINING OR COOPERATIVE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH SMALLER NEIGHBORS. WE FEEL THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COME FROM REGIONAL STATES THEMSELVES AND NOT BE SUGGESTED BY U.S.  
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